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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**Subsection (b) of U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application**

**filed on or after June 8, 1995.**

**See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).**

Application Number	09/320,649
Filing Date	May 27, 1999
First Named Inventor	MORI et al..
Group Art Unit	3682
Examiner's Name	L. Footland
Attorney Docket No.	100725-09009

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to continue filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously Submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 4, 2000  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. ' 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. ' 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

**3. Fees: The RCE fee under 37 CFR 211.17(e) is required by 376 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed**

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §1.136 and §1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,096.00 Check No. (\_\_\_\_\_)
- c. ☐ Payment by Credit Card

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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